

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S.Appln. No.: 09/684,634
Attorney Docket No.: Q58611

REMARKS

In the present Amendment, claim 2 has been amended to recite --whereby the lid allows clean air to flow toward the entire surface of the recording layer substantially uniformly to allow the recording layer to be dried uniformly and produce a uniform thickness for the recording layer--. This amendment is supported by the specification, for example, in the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 and at page 5, 1st full paragraph.

No new matter has been added and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 2 and 4-8 will be all the claims pending in the application.

Preliminarily, Applicant notes that an Information Disclosure Statement was filed March 11, 2004. Consideration of the disclosed information is respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 4-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over the “admitted prior art.”

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2 and 4-8 as amended are patentable over the cited references. As indicated above, Applicants have in the Amendment amended claim 2 to recite --whereby the lid allows clean air to flow toward the entire surface of the recording layer substantially uniformly to allow the recording layer to be dried uniformly and produce a uniform thickness for the recording layer--, as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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